



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.118
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1761

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1761
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Appln. No.: 09/000,366)	Washington, D.C.
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Filed: January 28, 1998)	Confirmation No. 5189
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For: METHOD FOR THAWING FROZEN)	February 23, 2005
GROUND FISH MEAT)	

REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2004, for which a three months' extension of time is hereby requested, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.